

## THE

## REHEARSAL.

1. How Bays Mov'd the *Auditory* to *Clap his Play*.
2. The *Declaration* against *Coercion* in the *Act of Uniformity* being taken away,
3. do's not Infer the Allowance of *Coercion*.
4. The *Poss* of *Coercion* fairly Hunted down.
5. Three *Questions* upon the *Statute 12 Car. 2. c. 30.* Which being *Answer'd*,
6. I will *Answer* the *Observator's* *Captious Questions*.
7. The *Coronation-Oath* *Urg'd* by the *Observator* makes against him.

WEDNESDAY, November 17. 1708.

(1.) *Country-man.* **T**HE *Observator* has got the Better of you now, *Master*, for, as shew'd in your last, he has Threaten'd the *Queen* and the whole *Revolution*, to bring them all *Sub-Misericordia* (and he has told us what that is) if you will not yield him the Point of *Coercion*, and you must yield any thing to save all these!

*Rehears.* This is my *Bays* directly! He Stole this from old *Bays*, who to Engage the *Auditory* to *Clap his Play*, came out in a long Black Cloak, with an Ugly ill-Looking Fellow behind him, carrying a Huge Two-handed Sword ready Drawn, and told the *Auditory*, That that Fellow wou'd Immediately Cut off his Head, if they did not *Clap his Play*!

*Country-man.* That Fellow's Name was *Coercion*. And this *Bays* has brought him upon the *Stage*, to Face the whole *Auditory*, *Queen*, *Revolution*, and All; and to Cut off all their *Heads*, if they will not say, That He's a *Pretty Fellow*!

*Rehears.* He must Kill all the *Laws* too, before he can secure his Point. For I have shew'd how Sufficiently they all Damn him.

(2.) *Country-m.* But the *Observator* says, in his of the 3d Instant, Num. 75. That *Declaration* in the *Act of Uniformity*, against *Coercive power* is *Repeal'd*.

*Rehears.* This Shews him past all *Shame*, and that he has nothing to say. For I gave an Answer to this in mine of the 10 March last. Of which the *Observator* taking no Notice, he Trumpet the *Objection* up again in his of the 8 Sept. last. To which I answer'd again in mine of the 9 Oct. And without any Answer to either of these, he now brings it again!

I told him, That he might as well Plead the *Act of Uniformity* in favour of the *Covenant*, because the *Time* therein

Specify'd for *Signing* a *Declaration* against it, is *Expir'd*. And no otherwise do's it Justify *Coercion*, to take away the *Obligation* of *Signing* the *Declaration* against it, and the *Penalties* that are Annex'd to it. For these need not Last for Ever. But this Alters not the *Doctrine*. How often have the *Whigg's* pleaded, That the 30th of *January* has been kept long enough? And suppose it now taken away, wou'd that Infer that the *Queen* and *Parliament* did Justify the *Murder* of K. *Cha. I.*? No more do's taking away that *Declaration* Justify *Coercion*. The most can be made of this, is but a *Squint* towards *Coercion*. And that too as any one please to Think. But where is the *Law Enacting* it? Or *Repealing* those *Laws* wherein it stands *Condemn'd* for Ever? That it *Never was*, or *Is*, or *Ever ought to be Allow'd*. As is particularly Express'd in the *Statute 12 Car. II. c. 30.*

(3.) Is that *Statute Repeal'd*? Come, *Mr. Observator*, speak out. I have shew'd you, That it is now *Allow'd* as good *Law* in *Westminster-Hall*. I gave you a fresh *Instance* of it, Num. 3. of this *Volume*. And Num. 4. the 13. last *Month*, I told you it never *Wou'd* be *Repeal'd*. Nay, That it *cou'd not* be *Repeal'd*. And you have said Nothing in *Answer* to all this. Tho' I told you, that your whole *Cause* depended upon it. And that while this *Statute* stood, *Coercion* must ever stand *Condemn'd* by the *Law of England*. Yet you're *Silent* herein— And *Bonnie* for all that!

*Country-m.* It is but as a *Man Bounces* in his *Saddle*, when he is *Shot*. You'll hear no more of him upon this *Subject*. *Dead! Dead!* You may call off your *Dogs*. The *Commonwealth* *Poss* of *Coercion* is *Sub Misericordia*! Fairly *Run down*, she cannot say but she has had *Hunts-Man's-Law*.

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(4.) Rehears. Law! Ay, that's it has  
Choak'd her—— Mr. Observator, you are  
very Apt to ask Questions, and say to  
me, as in this same Observator, N. 75.  
Now I demand a plain Answer to these plain  
Matters of Fact, otherwise I must Post him  
up as a Shameless, Equivocating, and Shuffling  
Libeller, &c. Thus lay you to me. Now  
is it not as Fair for me to Ask you a Que-  
stion, as you to Ask me! Therefore I de-  
mand a plain Answer to this plain Matter of Fact,  
1. Whether Coercion is not Absolutely and  
Totally Overthrown by the Statute 12 Car.  
II. c. 30. 2 dly. Whether that Statute is  
not still of Force, and the Law of the  
Land? And then 3 dly. whether Coercion  
is not Contrary to the Known and Es-  
tablish'd Law of England? These, Sir, are  
plain Questions, and of a very plain Mat-  
ter of Fact. And they are Necessary to  
be Determin'd in the Dispute betwixt you  
and Me. And if you will give me a Fair  
and Clear Answer to these, I promise to  
Answer all the Questions you shall Ask  
me for a Week Particularly, as to the  
Letter the late King James wrote at  
Rochester, and his Invading Ireland (as you  
say) with an Army; which you bring to  
Justify Coercion. Now, Sir, if you will not  
Answer me, I will not Answer you. And  
I may Post you, as you Threaten me, for  
a Shameless, Equivocating, and Shuffling Libel-  
ler. But remember, this is your Language,  
not Mine. For I deal not in that Com-  
modity. I love a little Proving with all my  
heart: but ill Words Reflect only upon those  
that Give them. And, we need not Sup-  
pose the Reader so Dull, as not to see the  
Blockhead and the Fool, when he Reads the  
Arguments.

(5.) Country-m. He says in the same Observator, That all our Kings were Expressly Sworn  
to the Observation of St. Edward's Laws, till  
the Rehearser's Fation curtail'd the Oath, when  
the late King James was Crown'd.

Rehears. I know nothing of the Curtailing.  
I never heard of it before. We must take  
that upon the veracity of the Observator, ac-  
cording to the Truth of several other things  
he has told us!

But the Coronation Oath taken by King  
Char. II. was this. The Lord Bishop of  
London said to him,

" Sir, will you Grant and Keep, and  
" by the Oath Confirm to the People of  
" England, the Laws and Customes to them  
" Granted by the Kings of England, your  
" Lawful and Religious Predecessors. And  
" Namely the Laws Customes and Fran-  
" chises granted to the Clergy, by the glo-  
" rious King St. Edward your Predecessor,  
" according to the Laws of God, the true  
" Profession of the Gospel Established in

" this Kingdom, and agreeing to the Pre-  
" rogative of the Kings thereof, and the  
" Ancient Customes of this Realm.

To which the King Answer'd,

I Grant and Promise to keep them.

Country-man. All this makes against the  
Observator. For all that is Mention'd of St.  
Edward's Laws was the Franchises he Granted  
to the Clergy. And I suppose the Observator's  
Concern is not Great to have these kept up  
to the Full! In the next clap ther is a  
Limitation as to the Law, &c. here Granted  
by the King, that is, That they be Agree-  
able to the Law of God, and to the Prer-  
ogative of the Kings of England. And is it  
their Prerogative, that the People shoud have  
Coercion over them? And is this Agreeable  
to the Law of God? You have sufficiently  
Canvass'd that Point already. But lastly,  
our Laws are here said to be all Granted by  
our Kings. Here is nothing of Parliaments,  
as a Co-Ordinate Power with the King.

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